

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-15. (Canceled)

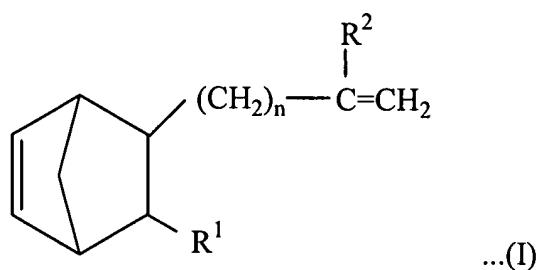
16. (New) A method of making a sealing or gasket material for a fuel cell seal, which comprises:

molding a rubber composition into said sealing or gasket material;

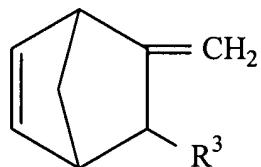
wherein said rubber composition comprises:

an ethylene/α-olefin/non-conjugated polyene copolymer (A), wherein the ethylene/α-olefin/non-conjugated polyene copolymer (A) has:

- (i) a mass ratio of ethylene to an α-olefin of 3 to 20 carbon atoms (ethylen/α-olefin) of 35/65 to 95/5;
- (ii) an iodine value of 0.5 to 50;
- (iii) an intrinsic viscosity (η) of 0.1 to 5.0 dl/g as measured in decalin at 135°C; and
- (iv) constituent units of non-conjugated polyene derived from at least one norbornene compound represented by the following formula (I) or (II):



wherein n is an integer of 0 to 10, R¹ is a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group of 1 to 10 carbon atoms, and R² is a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group of 1 to 5 carbon atoms;



wherein R³ is a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group of 1 to 10 carbon atoms;

an organopolysiloxane (B) having an average composition formula of R¹_tSiO_{(4-t)/2} wherein R¹ is an unsubstituted or substituted monovalent hydrocarbon group and t is a number ranging from 1.9 to 2.1;

an SiH group-containing compound (C);

a catalyst (D); and

a reaction inhibitor (E), and

said copolymer (A) and said organopolysiloxane (B) having a weight ratio ((A)/(B)) of 100:0 to 5:95.

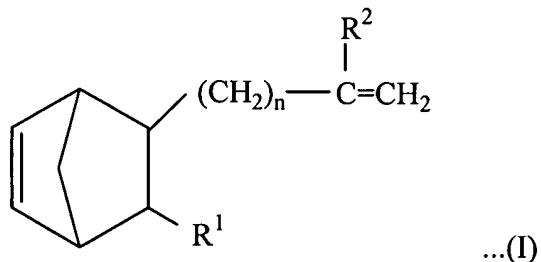
17. (New) A method for making a top cover gasket for a hard disk driver, which comprises:

molding a rubber composition into said top cover gasket;

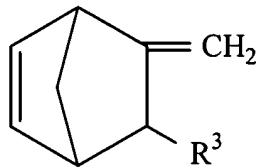
wherein said rubber composition comprises:

an ethylene/α-olefin/non-conjugated polyene copolymer (A), wherein the ethylene/α-olefin/non-conjugated polyene copolymer (A) has:

- (i) a mass ratio of ethylene to an α-olefin of 3 to 20 carbon atoms (ethylene/α-olefin) of 35/65 to 95/5;
- (ii) an iodine value of 0.5 to 50;
- (iii) an intrinsic viscosity (η) of 0.1 to 5.0 dl/g as measured in decalin at 135°C; and
- (iv) constituent units of non-conjugated polyene derived from at least one norbornene compound represented by the following formula (I) or (II):



wherein n is an integer of 0 to 10, R¹ is a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group of 1 to 10 carbon atoms, and R² is a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group of 1 to 5 carbon atoms;



... (II)

wherein R³ is a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group of 1 to 10 carbon atoms;

an organopolysiloxane (B) having an average composition formula of R¹_tSiO_{(4-t)/2}

wherein R¹ is an unsubstituted or substituted monovalent hydrocarbon group and t is a number ranging from 1.9 to 2.1;

an SiH group-containing compound (C);

a catalyst (D); and

a reaction inhibitor (E), and

said copolymer (A) and said organopolysiloxane (B) having a weight ratio ((A)/(B)) of 100:0 to 5:95.

18. (New) A method for making a cable connector seal, which comprises:

molding a rubber composition into said cable connector seal;

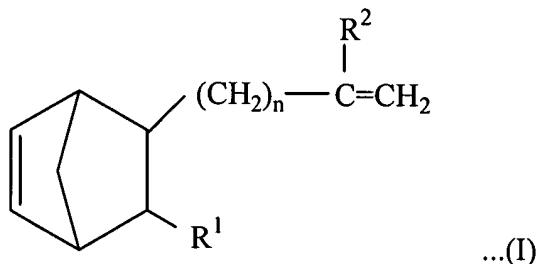
wherein said rubber composition comprises:

an ethylene/α-olefin/non-conjugated polyene copolymer (A), wherein the ethylene/α-olefin/non-conjugated polyene copolymer (A) has:

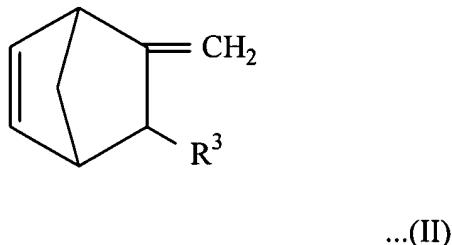
(i) a mass ratio of ethylene to an α-olefin of 3 to 20 carbon atoms (ethylene/α-olefin) of 35/65 to 95/5;

- (ii) an iodine value of 0.5 to 50;
- (iii) an intrinsic viscosity (η) of 0.1 to 5.0 dl/g as measured in decalin at 135°C; and
- (iv) constituent units of non-conjugated polyene derived from at least one norbornene

compound represented by the following formula (I) or (II):



wherein n is an integer of 0 to 10, R¹ is a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group of 1 to 10 carbon atoms, and R² is a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group of 1 to 5 carbon atoms;



wherein R³ is a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group of 1 to 10 carbon atoms;

an organopolysiloxane (B) having an average composition formula of R¹_tSiO_{(4-t)/2} wherein R¹ is an unsubstituted or substituted monovalent hydrocarbon group and t is a number ranging from 1.9 to 2.1;

an SiH group-containing compound (C);

a catalyst (D); and

a reaction inhibitor (E), and

said copolymer (A) and said organopolysiloxane (B) having a weight ratio ((A)/(B)) of 100:0 to 5:95.

19. (New) The method for making a sealing or gasket material for a fuel cell seal according to claim 16, wherein the rubber composition is molded by liquid injection molding, injection molding or compression molding.

20. (New) The method for making a top cover gasket for a hard disk driver according to claim 17, wherein the rubber composition is molded by liquid injection molding, injection molding or compression molding.

21. (New) The method for making a sealing or gasket material for a fuel cell seal according to claim 16, further comprising the step of crosslinking the molded sealing or gasket material.